

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 21, 2006.

RESTRICTION:

Claims 1-29 are pending in the application and stand restricted under 35 U.S.C. §121. The Examiner has required restriction of claims 1-29 of the present application to the following Groups:

Group I, including claims 1-22, is drawn to an article, classified in class 526, subclass 352.

Group II, including claims 23-29, is drawn to a process of making an article, classified in class 525, subclass 240.

To facilitate the prosecution of this application, Applicants hereby elect claims 1-22, identified as Group I, with traverse and reserve the right to file a divisional application to the non-elected Group II claims.

ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENTS

Applicants would like to bring to the attention of the Examiner the attached copy of a Third Party Submission submitted to the Patent Office on April 6, 2006. Also attached are copies of the published article and the third party U.S. Patent Publication 2005-0142312. A copy of the publication of the present application is not provided.

It is believed that an action on the merits is in order and such is respectfully requested. Please debit or credit Deposit Account No. 03-3345 accordingly for any additional fees or overcharges as necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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